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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6588**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1082

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 12, 2011

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Off-Road Vehicle Registration.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Eberhart

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**    **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that an off-road vehicle or snowmobile that is owned and used for official business by the state, a municipal corporation, or a volunteer fire department is not required to be registered with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The owner of an off-road vehicle or snowmobile may submit either a bill of sale or a certificate of title with a registration application. (Under current law, only a bill of sale may be submitted.)

The bill provides that DNR may use money in the Off-road Vehicle and Snowmobile Fund to pay for operating expenses related to DNR properties on which are located off-road vehicle or snowmobile trails.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2011.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill provides that the Off-Road Vehicle and Snowmobile Fund may be used to pay for the operational expenses of DNR properties on which are located off-road vehicle or snowmobile trails. This provision conforms with current practice and will result in no fiscal impact.

**Background.** Under existing law, the fund can be used for enforcement, administration, construction and maintenance of off-road vehicle and snowmobile trails. Revenue for the fund is generated by a \$30 fee that operators of snowmobiles or off-road vehicles must pay every 3 years. Revenue from off-road vehicles generated about \$126,000 as of November 2010, whereas revenue from snowmobiles generated over \$4,500.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** The bill provides that a vehicle that is owned or leased and used for official business by the state, a municipal corporation, or a volunteer fire department is not required to be registered.

This provision will have no impact because these vehicles are not currently registered.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** DNR.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Municipal corporations and volunteer fire departments.

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